

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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JOE SMITH

Case No. 2:19-cv-00236-APG-VCF

ORDER

v.

Plaintiff,

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by formerly in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 13). Based on the financial information provided, the Court grants Plaintiff leave to proceed without prepayment of fees or costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).¹

The Court imposed a stay on September 25, 2019 and entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF No. 6, 8). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 11).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

¹¹ Plaintiff is not subject to the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2), (b) because he is no longer a “prisoner” within the meaning of the statute. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(h).

1 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in district court without prepaying fees or
2 costs (ECF No. 13) is granted.

3 2. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
4 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
5 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
6 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

7 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
8 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

9 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 6), within twenty-
10 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
11 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
12 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
13 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
14 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
15 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
16 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
17 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
18 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

19 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
20 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
21 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
22 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
23 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

24 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
25 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
26 complaint within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

27 9. Henceforth, Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has
28 been entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other

1 document submitted for consideration by the Court. Plaintiff shall include with the original
2 document submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of
3 the document was mailed or electronically filed to the defendants or counsel for the
4 defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service
5 to the individual attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic
6 address stated therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district
7 judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document
8 received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a
9 certificate showing proper service.

10. This case is no longer stayed.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE